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FROM: Audrey Evje, Managing Editor, *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

DATE: June 24, 2003

**SUBJECT/
PURPOSE
OF MEMO:** REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS for Volume 6 of the *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts*

**ACTION
REQUESTED:** Review proposed topics and submit abstracts or articles for publication consideration

DEADLINE: September 2, 2003

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The *Journal of the Center For Families, Children & the Courts* is an annual interdisciplinary journal focusing on family and juvenile law and judicial administration. The *Journal* publishes scholarly articles on contemporary issues related to improving the administration of proceedings involving children and families, particularly in California.

The year 2004 marks the 10th anniversary of the California Judicial Council's Family Violence and the Courts Conference. In the spirit of the anniversary, volume 6 of the *Journal* will highlight important trends and developments in policy, law, and court administration related to intimate partner violence and family violence (both included in the term "family violence" hereafter).

The Judicial Council publishes the *Journal* annually and distributes it without charge to a national audience of judicial officers, academics, professionals who work with families and children, and other subscribers. The *Journal* is available on LexisNexis® and Westlaw® as well as online at www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/cfcc/resources/publications/journal.

The *Journal* seeks submissions—either abstracts or draft articles—on any relevant topic, including those outlined below. Abstracts should consist of 500 words or more. Submissions must be received by September 2, 2003, to ensure full consideration. Completed drafts of accepted articles will be due on December 19, 2003. Authors should submit all materials in Microsoft Word® 97 or a later version of Word and should conform the style of their articles to the standards of *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*.

We welcome articles on any important family violence topic. Some promising topics are as follows:

- History
 - California initiatives since the 1994 Family Violence and the Courts Conference
 - Review of important cases in the evolution of family violence law
 - Portrayal of family violence by media and entertainment industry
 - Evolution of mandatory arrest provisions; study of outcomes of mandatory arrest
- Court administration
 - Adequate and stable resources in tough economic times
 - Safety of court facilities
 - Therapeutic models in family violence proceedings
 - What is the role of the court? (neutral adjudicator, problem solving, etc.)
 - Case management
 - Child support and family violence, e.g., how to pursue child support without disclosing confidential information; court's role as "gatekeeper"
 - Other court operations that facilitate the manner in which the justice system is changing to meet the needs of the public
 - Growing roles for attorneys in the judicial branch (case manager, facilitators); court staff assisting victims; do programs also need to assist perpetrators?
 - People going without lawyers in misdemeanor criminal matters because their income falls above the limit for a public defender but is not enough to hire private counsel
- Family violence and unified family courts
 - Family violence and the Administrative Office of the Courts' Unified Courts for Families project
 - Information sharing between criminal, family, and juvenile courts
 - Court interaction with "justice partners"
 - Family violence as a unifying issue among juvenile dependency and delinquency, probate, family law, and civil and criminal family violence proceedings
 - Intersection of child welfare and family violence
 - Coordination between civil and criminal proceedings
- Other types of family violence
 - Sibling
 - Teen dating
 - Abuse of parents
 - Elder abuse (physical and emotional)
 - Same-sex perpetrators
 - Women as perpetrators; women who are characterized as perpetrators but who may be acting in self-defense
 - Violence in foster homes
 - Intimate relationships in which both partners are violent

- Relationship between family violence and:
 - Substance abuse
 - Mental health
 - Poverty
- Summary of empirical research literature on prevalence of various types of family violence
- Research issues: What are the information resources? What information is needed for future policy development?
- Supervised visitation
 - Existing standards being proposed as California Rules of Court
 - Collaboration among service providers and courts
 - Issues that arise in allowing a father to have access to his children when he has been abusive
- Courts and court-connected services
 - What is needed in the community?
 - Which services are appropriate or necessary in court?
 - Is there a role for volunteers?
 - Description of model services in metropolitan, suburban, and rural communities
 - Collaborative models, discussion of competing interests, different perspectives in the courts and community
 - Succession planning e.g., adequacy of future labor force, and change in leadership issues
 - Available resources for victims and children
- Issues of bias
- Resiliency of children affected by family violence

Thank you for considering publishing an article in the *Journal of the Center for Families, Children & the Courts*. Please share this notice with interested colleagues.

Please submit draft articles or abstracts of 500 words or more by September 2, 2003, to:

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